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From: Michael Hall  
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Re: Advancement Placement (AP) Test Fee Reimbursement School Year 2011-2012

Significant changes have been made to the amount of federal funding available to subsidize low-income student's AP Exam fees this spring have been made by Congress.

Congress recently passed the RY2012 Appropriations bill, which reduced the funding for the Advanced Placement Test Fee and Incentive Programs from last year's allocation of \$43 million to \$26.95 million. The budget reduction will reduce the amount of the contribution made by the federal government to each low-income student's AP Exam fees.

### **AP Test Fee Program – 2012**

- The federal contribution to low-income students has been reduced from \$57 per exam to **\$38 per exam**, with a cap of three federally subsidized exams per low-income student in 2012.
- The College Board contribution to low-income students will increase from \$22 to **\$26 per exam**, with no cap on the number of subsidized exams per low-income student in 2012.
- This combination of federal and College Board subsidies results in a:
  - **\$15 per exam fee** for low-income students for up to three AP Exams per student this year
  - **\$53 per exam fee** for low-income students for the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and additional AP Exams they take this year

Information provided by the College Board: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

The Office of Public Instruction anticipates hiring a specialist in the Gifted and Talented Education program in the near future to provide ongoing support to the Advanced Placement program.